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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION AGRICULTURAL
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1. THERE FOLLOWS OUR DRAFT PROPOSED AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 5-6
MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING GROUP:

A. OVERVIEW OF U.S., INDIA AND WORLD FERTILIZER SITUATION

B. 1) REVIEW OF FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN U.S.
AND INDIA AND 2) STUDY OF TECHNO/ECONOMIC/SOCIAL FACTORS
THAT INHIBIT EXPANSION/DEVELOPMENT OF FERTILIZER USAGE.
(IFDC OUTLINE PROJECT STUDY FOR INDIA)

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C. USE OF SLOW RELEASE NITROGENOUS FERTILIZERS.

D. EVOLUTION OF FERTILIZERS SUITABLE FOR TROPICAL CONDI-
TIONS, PARTICULARLY COSTING (COATING?) ON FERTILIZERS TO
MAKE THEM NON-HYGROSCOPIC.

E. USE OF ANHYDROUS AMMONIA.

F. USE OF ORGANIC MANURES INCLUDING BIO-GAS PLANT, MECHANICAL COMPOST PLANT AND SEWAGE/SULLAGE UTILIZATION SCHEMES. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED ON USE OF GAS FROM FEED LOTS AND UTILIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES.

G. USE OF UREA PELLETS AND BRIQUETTES.

H. MANUFACTURE OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO HORTICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND DIESEL OPERATED LOW HORSE POWER TILLERS.

I. AGRO-BASED INDUSTRIES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COMPLETE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES SUCH AS POTATO AND TOMATO.

J. ESTABLISHMENT OF A BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR QUALITY CONTROL ON RBIZOBIA.

K. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR PESTICIDES EVALUATION.

L. BULK BLENDING OF FERTILIZERS.

M. CHARACTERIZATION STUDY ON ROCK PHOSPHATE: THESE STUDIES WOULD HELP IN DECIDING THE PROPER ROUTE FOR BENEFIC-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IATION, POSSIBLE USE FOR DIRECT APPLICATION AND ASCERTAINING THE REACTIVITY OF THE ROCK WITH SULPHURIC ACID AND NITRIC ACID. SPECIMEN ROCKS ARE BEING SENT BY RAJASTHAN STATE MINES AND MINERALS LIMITED AND PYRITES AND PHOSPHATES. LTD. TO INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR PRELIMINARY STUDIES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FOLLOW UP THE STUDY WITH PILOT PLANT TESTS.

N. COLLABORATION ON CONVERSION OF AMMONIA PLANT FROM NATURAL GAS FEEDSTOCK TO COAL: THE NEW ENERGY POLICY ENUNCIATED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS LAID EMPHASIS ON POSSIBLE CONVERSION OF AMMONIA PLANT BASED ON NATURAL GAS TO THOSE BASED ON COAL. THE WORK HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) WHICH HAS SELECTED TEXACO PARTIAL OXIDATION PROCESS USING COAL SLURRY AS FEED STOCK.

O. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS - REVIEW OF IFDC/INDIA ACTIVITIES; EVALUATION OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE; NEXT MEETING.

2. WITH EXCEPTION ITEMS A, B(1) AND O, ABOVE AGENDA PROPOSALS ARE BASED ON GOI THOUGHTS AS TRANSMITTED IN REF B.

PLEASE GIVE GOI THESE PROPOSALS AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON AGENDA ITEMS H, I, AND L ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE AND TRANSMIT FINAL APPROVED AGENDA SOONEST. VANCE

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